

EDITORIAL

We seem to have fallen into the scheme of things; we are following in the footsteps of so many other journals and bulletins, by bringing out our September issue in the middle of October. Our only excuse is that the printers have been swamped with work having priority over ours. Consequently, material has piled up, so we will probably be able to have the October issue out sometime this month.

However, we still do not have an over abundance of material. So let me urge you to send in those notes, articles, or notices that you have ready, but haven't had time to put in an envelope and mail.

I feel that perhaps you would like to know how many people this bulletin reaches each month and something as to the results which have been obtained to date.

At the present time, we mail out nearly two hundred copies of this bulletin. The mailing list is still growing, thanks to the reviews which have recently appeared in such journals as Entomological News, Annals of the Entomological Society of American, and L'Entomologiste. The majority are mailed to parts of the United States and Canada, but copies also go to 12 other countries, mainly, France, Belgium, England, Netherlands, Brazil and Argentina. An increasing number of libraries and institutions are subscribing, which of course greatly increases the actual number of readers over the number of subscribers.

Our primary aim is to increase the availability of material and to present the news of the field. Exclusive of this issue, 117 names have been printed offering exchanges, determiners, etc. However, some of those names have been repeated from issue to issue, so the number is somewhat smaller than that. The reports from those listing their interests have

shown that the idea is getting results. Several have written that much more material has been made available to them as a result of their notices. It has certainly been a great aid in the editors research. Nearly half of the material upon which his work is based has become available directly as a result of notices in the bulletin.

The number of contributors of notes, reviews, techniques, etc. is not what we wish it were. Our goal has been to have this a "self-propelled" project. We do not desire it to be a one man effort, or the writings of the editor only. We do appreciate the interest and suggestions that many of you have sent. I do know that there is a lot of material that could be used in this bulletin which has not been sent in. Several readers have indicated as much in their letters to me.

As now planned, we expect to have four more issues this year. The final issue of the year will be a complete list of determiners as known to date, with an index to the volume. We would like to have suggestions from each reader as to what they would like to see included in the bulletin. We would like news, reviews, biographies, notes on techniques and habitat records for publication. And as always, exchanges, determiners and progress reports.

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